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DD/M&S ADMINISTRATIVE
INSTRUCTION NO. 73-18

FITNESS REPORTS FOR MEMBERS OF
THE MG CAREER SERVICE

1. The MG career service, of which I am the head, has adopted a new competitive evaluation system for our professional careerists through the GS-14 level. The objectives of this competitive evaluation system are to:

a. provide each officer with the standards upon which he will be competitively evaluated;

b. identify qualified MG careerists who merit advancement on the basis of their demonstrated performance and projected potential;

c. counsel and motivate the individual MG careerist by providing relevant information on how he is performing in relation to others in his grade;

d. improve the long range effectiveness of the Management and Services Directorate by identifying MG careerists with executive potential; and

e. identify MG careerists whose current performance signals the need for counseling, training, reassignment, demotion or other action including separation.

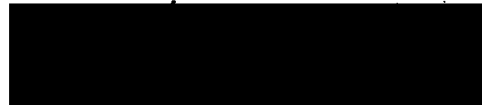
2. Fitness reports are an important and integral part of the personnel management system in the MG career service. Rating officers and reviewing officials, regardless of Directorate or Office, must rate the MG employee honestly and realistically, presenting a fair and documented evaluation of performance. All too often stock phrases show up in the narrative portion of fitness reports. We find that the information we receive on MG officers is tailored often according to standards prevalent for officers belonging to career services of the Office in which the MG officer serves. Fitness report narratives which do not provide information required to aid in the evaluation of an MG careerist against other MG careerists pose significant problems to the evaluation panels. The point being that the standards of the DD/M&S

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functional career services are not necessarily standards by which MG officers should be judged. In order for me properly to identify the strengths and weaknesses of developing MG officers, I have prepared the attached list of defined attributes I am looking for in MG officers.

3. In an effort to achieve the objectives stated above, I am asking that all rating and reviewing officers, regardless of Directorate or Office, comment in terms of the attributes defined by this system in the narrative portion of MG officers' fitness reports. I would like this system to begin with the annual fitness reports due during FY 1974. This is in no way a substitute for references to performance called for in the Letter of Instruction to MG service members. Rather, it is a complement to such references.

4. Please insure that this information is relayed to the rating officers and reviewing officials of affected MG officers within your Office.



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